

HOUSE BILL 3610
By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Chapter 699 of the Private Acts of 1951; as amended by Chapter 3 of the Private Acts of 1991; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to elections in the Town of Saltillo.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 699 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 3 of the Private Acts of 1991, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Sections 2 and 3 in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the legislative power of the Town of Saltillo shall be vested in a Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and shall be elected for a term of four (4) years by the qualified voters of said corporation, and shall serve until successors are elected and qualified; provided, however, that the expiration of the regular term of office of the Mayor and Aldermen elected in the August 2003 election shall be extended from the first Tuesday of August 2007 to the date following the November 2008 election when their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, the Mayor and Aldermen shall be elected for four-year terms at the regular November election.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That beginning with the election in November 2008, all elections shall be held in said corporation on the date of the general election held in November 2008 and on the date of the general election held in November every four (4) years thereafter. The same shall be held under the direction of and in such manner as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall prescribe, and under the general

rules and regulations fixed by law for holding state, county and municipal elections, and they are given power to appoint officers, judges, and clerks to hold the same. All vacancies in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board. Any person who is qualified to hold office in Hardin County, Tennessee, and has been a resident of the corporation for twelve (12) months next preceding his election shall be qualified to hold the office of Mayor and Aldermen. In all elections held under this Act all persons living within the limits of the corporation for six (6) months next preceding the election and who would be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly shall constitute the qualified voters in such election and be entitled to vote for all the officers elected at such election. The persons receiving the highest number of votes at any election held under this Act for Mayor and Aldermen shall be declared elected, and the County Election Commission shall issue to the persons so elected a certificate showing their election within two (2) weeks thereafter. If there should be any contests of election, notice shall be filed with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen when the one holding the certificate of election presents the same to be sworn in, and such Board may prescribe reasonable and lawful rules for the determination of such contests, in accordance with any general law on the matter.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Saltillo. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.